

Part of letter to an
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If you look at the sort of work
done by scholars in the red
pamphlet treating of Secondary
Schools you will see what I
mean. You will see that all
Scholars are able to deal
with subjects requiring thought
& imagination. We hold that
the mind is as much in
need of this sort of food as is
the body, & is particular
food.

No doubt India has a
 literature, science, &
 philosophy of its own but
 probably Western thought
 brings these subjects more into
 relation with life. My idea
 is that English is ~~to~~ to India
 as Latin was to
 Europe in the Middle Ages -
 the general medium of
 instruction & thought - a
 medium to be discarded, no
 doubt, say a century hence

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Meantime English offers
the available mental
habulum & through a few
discernies which here present
education on an absolutely
new footing we of the P.M.E.
are able to reject the academic
teaching of the past & offer
a course far more liberal,
far more apt in forming
the magnanimous, well-
balanced citizens ^{they are} ~~not~~

the Education given in
any country of Europe or in
America.

But I gather from your
letter that you have already
thought of these things & are
prepared to help in our enterprise.
It would be a great thing, I
think, if you were to make
our principles your own & to
proclaim them up & down India -
not as general notions but as
our principles because what
England suffers from &

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a Conglomeration of ideas -
methods in line & distinct
Philosophy of Education ^{from} this
it would be well to see
India. Probably your ideal
school from it a general
system of Secondary schools
would be the best beginning
But, even so may be the
people should be put under
the same scheme.

Distance would not cause any
difficulty. We have many English

children in India in the
School & many persons are
interested in our work.

The scheme is quite
simple & easy to follow but
does not bear admixture with
any other scheme. We can only
promise good results if it is
followed in toto.

The difficulty I foresee. This
method is not very Christian
in its conception, but so far
as human concerns are concerned
Christian

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It seems when you see the
books you will be able to
judge how far the education
can be assimilated with
what's to be its vital principle
I think myself that a good deal
may be done.

I am sending you a cheque for
£10 to the Parish at our London
Office who will send out any
thing that you desire.

With warmest best wishes
Yours truly and ever
J. V. G. G. G. G. G.

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much sympathy,
believe me
yours

allowed passages on the big liners, so
that one will not be able to go abroad
now until we have peace, but it would
be interesting to be with a family who
were thinking of travelling then.

^{Dr. Gellener}
I have wanted for some weeks to write
to ~~Miss Thason~~ ^{you} to ask her advice
about a subject that I hear a great
deal of in this household now, & do not
know quite what point of view to adopt
towards it. It is "spiritualism", & Sir
Oliver Lodge's book "Raymond" & all his
experiments & results are quoted at
every turn. The members of the "Psychical
Research Society" ~~stay here~~, & certainly
have the most interesting stories to tell,
& so many ladies seem to be comforted
by believing they have messages
through mediums, or other means, from
their sons or husbands who have
been killed in battle. I should like
very much to know ~~Miss Thason's~~ ^{your} views
about the book "Raymond" by Sir O. Lodge
if she has reviewed it but ~~she will not~~
~~write to her direct in case it might be too disturbing~~
~~a subject~~, but I cannot believe that at the best